(b) The States of Haryana, Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu have already achieved cent per cent electrification of villages. In the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Nagaland, it is expected that cent per cent electrification of villages would be achieved by the end of the current plan. In the remaining States, cent per cent village electrification is expected to be achieved by the end of the VIII Plan, subject to the availability of requisite resources and other inputs.

(c) As per present broad estimates funds of the order of Rs. 2600 crores would be required for electrification of the remaining villages in the country.

Power generation from tidal waves

2567. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under consideration for power generation from tidal waves in the Kutch and Saurashtra Regions of Gujarat;

(b) if so, which are the locations in the Kutch area;

(c) whether some Expert Committee has gone through the proposal and submitted reports thereon; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether tidal power would be cheaper than power from other sources;

(e) how much amount has been spent in Gujarat so far for research on power generation from tidal waves during the last five years, year-wise; and

(f) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Investigations and studies leading to preparation of a techno-economic feasibility report of power generation from tidal waves are being carried out in the Gulf of Kachchh.

(b) The tidal power project under investigations is proposed to be located in the Hansthal creek.

(c) Assistance has been taken from Electricite de France (EDF) twice viz. in March-April, 1982 and January, 1986. The EDF experts in their report have concluded that a tidal project in the Gulf of Kachchh is technically feasible.

(d) Tidal power is still in development stage. As such, the cost of the tidal energy is not likely to be less than that of energy from conventional sources such as Hydro, Thermal and Nuclear.

(e) The expenditure incurred in the last five years on the investigations and studies is as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Lhs)
1982-83	14.50
1983-84	104.90
1984-85	139.36
1985-86	39.00
1986-87	41.41

(f) The field investigations have almost been completed, and engineering studies and designs are under progress. The feasiblity study is scheduled to be completed by March, 1988.

Drugs required under the National Health Programme

2568. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry announced that those drugs which are required for control of dis-